

President's Report

As I sit down this morning to write, a nourishing rain falls lightly on Lasqueti Island. I can hear frogs, people, plants and even newts welcome the refreshing moisture from the sky. It is a good time to take a deep breath and reflect on the past twelve months before winding up for another big year ahead.

The final culmination of much of our work in 2018 was raising \$250,000 to acquire Salish View, a 28-acre conservation site adjacent to Squitty Bay Provincial Marine Park. LINC directors and volunteers wrote grants, sent letters of appeal, organized garden tours, and conducted numerous hikes to the property. Thank you to our partners the Islands Trust Conservancy, and all the many generous donors and volunteers, the garden hosts, the donors of auction items, and those fabulous dreamy fairies and everyone who contributed! We are so grateful to all of you who donated your time, money and support towards the Salish View project! We look forward to celebrating this new Nature Reserve at a grand opening this summer.

Our newsletters (affectionately known as the “newtletter”) continue to stimulate islanders and friends throughout the year. Andrew Fall wrote an article on the importance of the imperiled Coastal Douglas-fir forests that cover Lasqueti. In the Fall issue Sheila Ray provided a report on the initial success of two experimental herbivore exclosures at Johnny Osland Reserve. A major article in the Spring 2019 issue was, Climate Change and what Lasquetians can do about it. Written by Sheila Harrington and Wendy Schneible, with contributions from Doug Hopwood, the article suggested we think more seriously about protecting mature forests, existing eel grass meadows and areas with high biodiversity like estuaries, shorelines, wetlands, streams, ponds and lakes.

Last fall, Wendy, Bruce G. and Hilary spent a weekend on Thetis Island at a shoreline restoration workshop hosted by SeaChange, a Gulf Island organization dedicated to restoring eelgrass beds and shorelines within the Salish Sea. These LINC volunteers learned how to stabilize an eroding shoreline clay bank using willow branches. In February, Wendy, Bruce and Connie Haist attended another workshop on Denman sponsored by SeaChange, which has funding for monitoring, restoration and education on shorelines and their associated marine habitats around Denman, Hornby & Lasqueti.





Osland Nature Reserve: The site of our 2017 AGM hike

**Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy
Financial Statements
Fiscal Year April 1, 2018 to March 30, 2019
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It's not all fun and partying for LINC, however, for as a land trust we have some serious responsibilities. Land trusts and conservancies are required to conduct annual monitoring of their conservation covenants and protected areas. LINC is responsible for two parcels of land on Lasqueti: Mt. Trematon and Johnny Osland Nature Reserves, and the soon to be Salish View Nature Reserve. LINC's property monitors, Wendy Schneible and Sheila Ray, visit each property formally as LINC representatives, take photos and record their observations and any changes from previous years. This year they spotted an uncommon Woodwardia fern at the Osland Reserve.

LINC is an all-volunteer organization composed of community members with a lot of good ideas and energy, but limited time. This last year LINC Directors drafted a simple strategic plan for the next three years to help us focus our time and enthusiasm in the most productive directions. In addition to our on-going programs, projects and responsibilities LINC intends to increase membership involvement, provide more environmental programs for the community and get to know our public lands.

Huge thanks to Bonnie Olesko and Andrew Fall, two long time directors who sadly retired from the board in the last year. We will miss Bonnie's excellent hospitality and Andrew's wise counsel. LINC is fortunate to welcome Hilary Duinker, Jordan Barton and Susan Morrison on the LINC Board as new Directors. They bring exciting new perspectives and welcome energy to LINC's conservation mission. And that is good thing for another spring has arrived and LINC is just winding up for a busy season of education, land stewardship & conservation.

ASSETS			
	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
Credit union chequing	\$9,529.73	\$2,444.90	5512.52
petty cash	562.05	456.57	599.91
Credit union GIC's Salish View	210,000	\$10,000.00	
Accts rec	0	\$1,699.82	
Total Assets	\$220,091.78	\$14,601.29	6112.43
REVENUE			
Memberships	345	325	475
Donations (General)	5278.9	2,003.13	1876.21
Donations (Salish View)	188,213	12,104.90	
Sales/events Salish	15436	1,913.67	
Fee for Service (MGT)	2049.82	5,784.39	3532.18
Grants	2418	1,516.92	4000
interest	366.91	0.81	0.04
GST rebate		229.19	
sales general	284	25	
Total Revenue	214391.63	23903.01	9883.43
EXPENSES			
Bank chg., legal and insurance	584	560	25
Office supplies (General)	379.76	375.4	71.38
Land Management & monitoring		6200.56	796.55
Communication & Education	1185.04	3169.97	1019.99
Land Cons. costs (Salish)	5057.12	6827.65	3412.5
Total Expenses	7205.92	17133.58	5325.42
Net Income	206,466	6769.43	4558.01
Reserved Funds (Salish)	203,869	12,104	

Photos:

Above: Osland Nature Reserve, Gordon Scott

Reverse: Top - Lily, Wendy Schneible

Next: hikers at Salish View, Gordon Scott

Double: Sheila R. & Woodwardia, salamander & frog, Gordon Scott

Below: Josie & Don's Garden on tour, Wendy Schneible

Bottom: Willow fence restoration, Hilary Duinker